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I am writing to call your attention to information which is crucial to the survival of this nation.

There is conclusive evidence that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was a coup d'etat engaged in by some high placed people and groups in a number of powerful agencies of the United States government; also that some major agencies of the government have been engaged in the coverup of the coup d'etat. President Kennedy was assassinated in part because he had established a united front with Premier Nikita Khrushchev of the Soviet Union against the military hawks in their respective countries (see the evidence included at the end of this letter). Extremists in both countries then as now were intent on building nuclear weapons in preparation for a nuclear war. Kennedy and Khrushchev tried to keep these people from running the show, but it was the American militarists who took the action that set the relations between the two countries on the road to intense competition in building ever more deadly arsenals.

American hawks had a crucial part in the Kennedy assassination conspiracy. This is proved by their manner of handling the military autopsy of Kennedy's body, which was necessary to cover up the conspiracy. The recent conduct of both the Congressional Select Committee and the Department of Justice prove that this cover-up is still at work, warping and falsifying the policies of the United States government and enabling its control by the same parties that eliminated President Kennedy.

CIA control over the Congressional Committee on Assassinations began in July of 1977 when the new director, Robert Blakey, required that staff members Tannenbaum, Sprague and Groden should agree to the Director of the CIA having complete control over the CCA's decisions. The final clause of this agreement stated that if the consultant or staff person signing the agreement violated any of the secrecy sections, he could be sued; and the agreement would continue in perpetuity.

The significance of this control is made more clear when we consider President Lyndon Johnson's statement quoted by his friend Wagner Carr: "In time, when all the activities of the CIA are flushed out, then maybe the whole story of the Kennedy assassination will be known." Carr's quotation was included in the special BBC program on the assassination.

The American public has been inundated by a great amount of falsification and obfuscation about the Kennedy assassination and about Kennedy's policies. The CIA's financing of book publishing has been kept under wraps because this would expose its efforts to ensure misinformation. Character assassination and misrepresentation of President Kennedy and his policies has grossly mislead the American people. They have not been informed, for instance, that Kennedy, with General Douglas MacArthur's backing, had determined to get the United States out of Vietnam and avoid the terrible fiasco of war there - ordering the beginning of withdrawal of American troops which was immediately reversed after his assassination.

Appendix 3

The Kennedy assassination as a coup d'etat:

One ordinarily conceives of a coup d'etat as a dramatic military takeover of one party displacing another with drastic change in administrators and personnel. This would be very unpopular in the United States. But circumstances in the United States were unusual. The political antithesis within the United States was within the Democratic Party. Lyndon Johnson to some extent occupied middle ground, but wielded great power as Senate majority leader. When Kennedy chose Johnson as his vice presidential running mate his assistant Kenneth O'Donnell complained that Johnson "voted against everything you ever stood for." Kennedy answered, according to O'Donnell, "I'm 43 years old, and I'm the healthiest candidate for President in the United States. . . I'm not going to die in office. If we win, it will be by a small margin and I won't be able to live with Lyndon as leader of a small Senate majority. Did it occur to you that if Lyndon becomes the Vice President, I'll have Mike Mansfield as the Senate leader, somebody I can trust and depend on?" Later Kennedy told O'Donnell "If I had listened to you, Lyndon would be still running the Senate instead of safely tucked away.

"As Vice President, Johnson felt sidetracked and ignored, and sorely missed the patronage and power he had enjoyed when he was the majority leader in the Senate." And so did the powerful interests in and out of the government with whom Johnson had wielded his power. How obvious it was that they could have it back if Kennedy ceased to live in office! After his death his associates could be eased out and the change in policies that he wanted could be eased in without fanfare, telling the world that they were in continuity of Kennedy's policy. Johnson did not need to be a principal in the maneuvering for the coup d'etat, but to play ball with it. And the Warren Commission he appointed also played ball. Commission staff member Arlen Specter explained the way the staff was kept from doing a real job saying "The decision of the Commission was not an egregious use of their discretion. The President of the United States did not want Arlen Specter to investigate the assassination of John F. Kennedy."

Johnson had not been held in very high regard by either progressives or conservatives in Texas. In 1960 he did not show up well for the presidency. But after the assassination the public associated him with Kennedy and voted him in against Goldwater. In effect the public voted for Kennedy and got Goldwater; Goldwater praised Johnson's military policies as what he had advocated.